

Page 17, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In the case of the embodiment of Figure 14, the article according to Figure 11 is produced in the two-component injection-moulding process, the injection point 24 being formed such that it is offset outwards with respect to the surrounding moulding wall, in a way corresponding to a mould-related design according to Figure 13. Following the moulding of elastomer material formed here as a seal 44, the surrounding cap 43 has been moulded, including a cap part formed here as projecting portion 51 and extending over the injection point 24. The feature that, when produced in the two-component injection-moulding process, the injection point 24 of the subregion of the (overall) moulding, which consists of thermoplastic elastomer material, has the further subregion of the moulding of plastics of the second component extending over it is also significant, irrespective of how the injection point 24 is formed.

Page 18, delete the paragraph lines 6-12

IN THE CLAIMS

before claim 1, change "Claims" to --<sup>I</sup>~~CLAIM~~ CLAIM--

Please cancel claims 1-31 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and substitute claims 32-62 therefor:

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--32. (new) 1. Moulding serving for pharmaceutical uses, such as a stopper (1) for pharmaceutical bottles, a protective cap (2) for medical syringes or a sealing element (38, 39) for pharmaceutical containers, the moulding (1, 2, 38, 39, 44) comprising at least in a subregion, a thermoplastic elastomer material with a mineral filler content of at least 30% and said subregion having a hot-runner injection point which is formed as a smooth-surfaced mark.

33. (new) Moulding serving for pharmaceutical uses, such as a stopper (1) for pharmaceutical bottles, a protective cap (2) for medical syringes or a sealing element (38, 39) for pharmaceutical containers, the moulding (1, 2, 38, 39, 44) comprising in a subregion, a thermoplastic elastomer material with a mineral filler content of at least 30% and said subregion having an injection point, which is injected over by a second part of the moulding, made of another plastics.

34. (new) Moulding according to claim 33, wherein the injection point of the subregion formed from the elastomer material which is flexible, is formed as a hot-runner injection point.

35. (new) Moulding according to claim 34, wherein the hot-runner injection point is formed as a smooth-surfaced mark.

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36. (new) Moulding according to claim 32, wherein the moulding altogether is made of the elastomer material.

37. (new) Moulding according to claim 32, wherein the hot-runner injection point goes over into the surrounding moulding wall without being offset outwards.

38. (new) Moulding according to claim 32, wherein a hot-runner injection point offset outwards with respect to a surrounding moulding wall is encapsulated by a plastics part.

39. (new) Moulding according to claim 38, wherein the smooth-surfaced mark of the hot-runner injection point goes over into the moulding wall surrounding it in a co-planar manner.

40. (new) Moulding according to claim 32, wherein the moulding is of a predominantly thick-walled form.

41. (new) Moulding according to claim 32, wherein in the case of the stopper (1), a stopper top (13)

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and a stopper collar (14) are formed and wherein there is a central hot-runner injection (A) in a region of the stopper top (13).

42. (new) Moulding according to claim 41, wherein in case of the stopper, the stopper top (13) has a central region (12) of smaller wall thickness (x) and an edge region (15) of greater wall thickness (y).

43. (new) Moulding according to claim 32, wherein having a form of a protective cap (2) for medical syringes and wherein  $\Delta$  18 the protective cap (2) has a hot-runner injection (A) in a region of a cap hat (18).

44. (new) Moulding according to claim 32, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer material contains a proportion of plasticizers.

45. (new) Moulding according to claim 32, being formed as a sealing element for a pharmaceutical bottle, a central hot-runner injection (A) being provided in an outer surface.

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46. (new) Moulding according to claim 41, wherein in case of the stopper, a stopper collar (14) has a greater wall thickness (z) than a stopper top (13) in its central region.

47. (new) Protective cap (2) produced in a plastics injection-moulding process for medical syringes, with a solid cap hat (18) and a comparatively thin-walled cap neck (19), wherein the protective cap (2) is made of thermoplastic elastomer material with a mineral filler content of at least 30% or more and wherein there is a hot-runner injection (A) in a region of the cap-hat (18).

48. (new) Protective cap according to claim 47, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer material contains a proportion of plasticizer.

49. (new) Protective cap according to claim 47, wherein a central hot-runner injection (A) is performed in a region of a tip of the cap hat.

50. (new) Method for producing a moulding for a pharmaceutical use, such as a stopper (1) for pharmaceutical bottles, a protective cap (2) for medical syringes or a sealing element (38, 39) for pharmaceutical containers,

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wherein the moulding is produced, at least in a subregion, from a thermoplastic elastomer material with a mineral filler content of at least 30% and said subregion is configured by a hot-runner injection, a injection point being formed as a smooth-surfaced mark.

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51. (new) Method for producing a moulding for a pharmaceutical use, such as a stopper (1) for pharmaceutical bottles, a protective cap (2) for medical syringes or a sealing element (38, 39) for pharmaceutical containers, wherein the moulding is produced, in a subregion, from a thermoplastic elastomer material with a mineral filler content of at least 30% and said subregion is configured by an injection having an injection point, which injection point is injected over with another plastics, forming a second subregion of the moulding.

52. (new) Method according to claim 51, wherein the injection of the thermoplastic elastomer material is carried out by a hot-runner injection.

53. (new) Method according to claim 52, wherein the injection point of the hot-runner injection is formed as a smooth-surfaced mark.

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54. (new) Method according to claim 50,  
wherein the moulding altogether is made of the elastomer  
material.

55. (new) Method according to claim 54,  
wherein the hot-run injection point is produced such that it goes  
over into a surrounding moulding wall without any offset  
outwards.

56. (new) Method according to claim 50,  
wherein the injection point is produced with an offset outwards  
with respect to a surrounding moulding wall.

57. (new) Method for producing a stopper  
(1) for pharmaceutical bottles (3), such as for example infusion  
bottles, in a plastics injection-moulding process, with a stopper  
top (13) and a stopper collar (14), wherein a thermoplastic  
elastomer material with at least a 30% admixed mineral filler  
content is used and wherein a central hot-runner injection (A) is  
performed in a region of a stopper top (13) of the stopper (1) of  
a predominantly thick-walled form.

58. (new) Method according to claim 57,  
wherein the stopper collar (14) is formed with a greater wall  
thickness (z) than the stopper top (13) in its central region.

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59. (new) Method according to claim 57, wherein the stopper top (13) is formed with a central region of lesser wall thickness (x) and an edge region (15) of greater wall thickness (y).

60. (new) Method for producing a protective cap (2) for medical syringes in a plastics injection-moulding process, with a solid cap hat (18) and a comparatively thin-walled cap neck (19), wherein a thermoplastic elastomer material with at least a 30% admixed mineral filler content is used and in that a central hot-runner injection (A) is performed in the region of the cap hat (18).

61. (new) Method according to claim 60, wherein the hot-runner injection (A) is performed centrally on the cap hat (18).

62. (new) Method according to claim 60, wherein a proportion of plasticizer is added to the thermoplastic elastomer material.--